Integration Council at its meeting held on June 23rd, 1987, suggested a more active role for political parties in fighting the communal menace and for promoting national integration; and

(b) if so what are the suggestions made and how do Government intend to help in their implementation?

HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Sanding Committee of Natonal Integration Council *inter-alia* suggested a more active role for political parties in restoring communal peace and harmony in the country. These suggestions have been discussed from time to time and initiative in this regard is to be taken by the political parties.

Beedi workers in M.P.

1782. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any fresh initiative for the welfare of beedi workers in the unorganised sector engaged in the beedi industries of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received complaints about the exploitation of these beedi workers by their employers; and

(d) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGA) (a) and (b) The Beedi Workers Welfare Fund has been constituted for the welfare of beedi workers. Efforts are made on a continuing basis to enlarge the scope and coverage of the welfare schemes. For example, the housing subsidy under the Housing Scheme for economically Weaker Sections of Society has been increased from Rs. 3000 to Rs 5000 per tenement with effect from 1-4-87.

(c) and (d) The Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 is meant to regulate the terms of employment and working conditions etc. of beedi workers. The Act, is administered by the State Govenrments Complaints about exploitation of beedi workers are generally sent to the State Governments for appropriate action.

Performance of hundred percent export oriented units

1783. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of 100 percent export-oriented Units (EOUs) if so, whether these units have failed to achieve the objectives;

(b) what further action Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that during the period from 1981 to 1985 the foreign exchange earnings from EOUs amounted to rupees 355 crores as against the target of Rs. 5000 crores and also that out of 569 units approved so far only 99 have commenced production;

(d) whether Government propose to grant further incentives concessions to the EOUs; and

(e) if so, what additional concessions incentives have been granted to EOUs after its commencement in 1981 from time to time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (e) The performance of 100 percent EOUs is periodically reviewed and measures taken to improve the results.

Exports under the Scheme have been about Rs. 443 crores upto March,